

STOCKS HELD ON MARGIN HIGH MASONIC DEGREE

Judge Thornton Holds That Jos. E. Willard is Owner at His Risk and Profit.

Setting a precedent in the matter of requiring a State tax on stocks held on margin, an order has been entered in the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, under which Colonel Joseph E. Willard, ambassador from the United States to Spain, will pay into the State treasury taxes on such property with a face valuation of nearly \$500,000. The order was agreed upon at a meeting in Washington between Christopher B. Garnett, counsel and executive assistant to the State Tax Board, and attorneys for Colonel Willard and J. B. T. Thornton, of the Fairfax Circuit Court.

Whether Colonel Willard will appeal from the decision of the Circuit Court is not yet known. His attorneys are waiting for his decision in the matter before taking any definite steps. So far as the lower court is concerned, however, the case is concluded. Besides the tax on stock, the order entered requires Colonel Willard to pay omitted taxes, assessed for the years from 1903 to 1915, inclusive, on money on deposit and on income. The whole amounts to \$3,512.77.

In addition to the taxes ordered to be paid on his own account, Colonel Willard has voluntarily returned for taxation property belonging to Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt and Miss Mary E. Willard, upon which he has been taxed amounting to \$2,444.70, making the total amount paid, or to be paid, to the State \$5,957.47. In addition to these amounts, taxes have been paid or ordered to be paid to the county of Fairfax and the town of Fairfax, which will amount to considerable more than amounts paid to the State.

In discussing the case, Mr. Garnett said that he thought it was due to Colonel Willard and his attorneys, Thomas R. Keith and E. R. F. Wells and his personal representative, Thomas B. Love, to say that by Colonel Willard's instructions, counsel for the State was afforded every opportunity to get at the amounts subject to taxation. Colonel Willard's books were put at his disposal, and a thorough examination was made by W. Frank Smythe, State Accountant; Mr. Love and those in his office aiding in every way to procure a correct amount for assessment. Mr. Garnett spoke in the highest terms of the treatment received by him from Colonel Willard's counsel and representative.

ALEXANDRIA SOLDIER BOYS.

Members of Light Infantry Not Likely to Eat Christmas Dinner at Home.

Relatives and friends of the Alexandria Light Infantry have recently been indulging in the hope that "the boys" would be ordered home before the first snow begins to fly. According to the latest information from the border, however, such hopes are doomed to disappointment, as Uncle Sam is by no means disposed to relieve them of the duties they are now performing so satisfactorily.

Colonel William J. Perry, commander of the First Virginia Infantry, in Brownsville, Tex., and Major A. Sidney Buford, jr., of the Virginia National Guard, judge-advocate of one of the divisions on the border, in letters received in Richmond, yesterday by Adjutant-General Sals, stated that the opinion prevailing among soldiers was that the Virginia organizations would not be ordered home for a considerable time yet. The officers gave no authoritative ground for their statements, but reported the sentiment of the men in their camps.

Notice

The undersigned having qualified in the Circuit Court for the city of Alexandria as executor and executrix of the late Elizabeth J. Ticer, give notice to all persons indebted to the estate to come forward and settle the same. All persons having claims against the estate are requested to present them for payment.

Clarence H. Ticer, Executor.
257-10t. Elsie R. Ticer, Executrix.

Conferred on Class of Ten—Banquet Attended by Prominent Men of the Fraternity.

The thirty-second degree was conferred upon a class of ten candidates last evening, by Randolph Chapter, of Rose Croix, No. 3, Scottish Rite Masons. Many prominent members of the fraternity were in attendance from Washington, Baltimore and Savannah, Ga. The work was put on in full form and was most impressive.

The officiating officers were: Fred M. Bock, of Albert Pike Consistory, No. 1, of the District of Columbia, Venerable Master; Frank W. Latham, Prior; Arthur A. Paul, Preceptor; C. H. Burns, of Chesapeake Consistory, No. 1, Maryland; Pelate; Percy E. Clift, Marshal of Caravan; A. M. Sherwood, Marshall of Guards.

Camp guards were as follows: H. Noel Garner, captain; Albert J. Jones, Vance H. Peele, N. S. Greenaway, Samuel McL. Estes, Boyd J. Richards, W. S. Connelly, W. G. Leadbeater, J. W. Bales, J. William May, Leopold Ruben, C. C. Batcheller, S. W. Pitts, C. B. Swan, W. L. Allen, William Jorg and D. G. Grillbortzer. Prof. H. G. Harrison was organist, and Bedford K. Smith, electrician.

Following the conferring of the degree the brethren and their guests sat down to a most enjoyable banquet which was served by Martha Washington Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in the Young Peoples Building on Washington street. Covers were laid for 150 and the menu included all the good things of the season to which ample justice was done by all. The tables had been especially decorated by the ladies in honor of the assembled guests and presented a scene which reflected great credit upon their good taste and artistic ability.

William S. Connelly presided as toastmaster. James E. Alexander, past master, invoked the blessing, and Mr. Charles H. Callahan gave the address of welcome. W. J. Waller and Kenneth W. Ogdon favored the company with two excellent solos.

Among those who responded to toasts were: Grand Lodge of Virginia, H. K. Field; Class orator, George Browning of Orange, Va.; Scottish Masonry, Rev. J. J. Lanier of Fredericksburg; Brotherhood of Man, Mr. C. H. Burns of Baltimore. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Edgar Carpenter.

The occasion was one of the most enjoyable held by Alexandria's Masonic fraternity in a long time.

CHOKED GUIL TO DEATH

Man With Wife and Four Children Confesses Crime.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Nov. 3. — "I choked Miss Ida Brown to death," confessed Thomas Williams Wednesday night. Miss Brown was the 18-year old girl of Sabastopol whose body was found in Carpenter's Creek by fishermen on the night of October 18. Williams is 45 years old. He has a wife and four children. There were no witnesses to the crime.

Discovery of the fact that Williams had taken a mink's head from Miss Brown's furs and given it to a Miss Lula Konosky led to his being suspected.

"I met her alone, near the creek," he said, "I didn't mean to hurt her, but she fought me. She started to scream. I put my hand over her mouth. She bit it, and then I choked her. Then all of a sudden she was lying on the ground, in front of me. I didn't know whether she was dead or not. She was so still, though, she must have been."

"So I took her and dumped her into the creek. She didn't float. After I saw her sink I went back into the woods and hid. I guess I must have been there a couple of hours."

FOR SALE—Two coal stoves and one cash register, at 1301 King street. 258-3t.

It will Pay Advertisers to Watch The Gazette—Its Circulation is Climbing.

British casualties reported in October in all war areas are: Officers 4,331; men, 102,702.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

A cake sale will be held at Brawner's store, corner King and Washington street, tomorrow morning for the benefit of the Children's Home.

Mrs. Charles Greene who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Bannon Cooper, at their home on Braddock Heights, has returned to her home in Laurel, Delaware.

At midnight Tuesday the Arlington Brewing Company, with its plant just across the river, at Rosslyn, Alexandria county, was forced out of existence by virtue of the new liquor laws of Virginia going into effect. By that hour all liquors which had not previously been transferred or destroyed were subject to confiscation by the Virginia authorities.

Ada, the 8-year-old daughter of Emanuel Hicks, residing on south Lee street, was seriously burned yesterday while playing with matches. Mrs. Hicks, upon hearing the child scream, ran to her and was painfully burned while extinguishing the little one's burning garments. The child was taken to the Alexandria Hospital for treatment.

The Alexandria Branch of the American Red Cross has collected \$148.37 for the Armenian-Syrian Relief fund, and the secretary, Mrs. E. A. Gorman will forward the money tomorrow to the National Red Cross Society, in New York, who will use the same for supplies for the Armenian and Syrian sufferers. The churches who have contributed to this fund are: The First Baptist, Second Baptist, Southern Methodist, St. Mary's, Grace Episcopal, St. Paul's Episcopal, German Lutheran, Methodist Protestant, Trinity Methodist, Second Presbyterian, the Del Ray Methodist, Del Ray Baptist and the Jewish Synagogue. Two organizations that contributed were the Council of Jewish Women and the Bakers' Union.

LATE GENERAL BOLLING

Death Comes to Distinguished Figure Among Confederate Veterans at Home in Petersburg.

General Stith Bolling who died at his residence in Petersburg Wednesday night was born in Lunenburg County in 1835. He was the son of John Stith and Mary T. Bolling. He was reared on a farm and received academic education at Lebanon Academy. At the age of twenty he removed to Richmond, where he engaged in the mercantile business until the breaking out of the civil war, when he returned to his county and enlisted in the Lunenburg Cavalry as a private. He was soon promoted to first sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and then lieutenant-colonel. Later he was appointed a brigadier-general by the Governor, and was confirmed by the Senate of Virginia.

General Bolling commanded the largest cavalry troop in General J. E. B. Stuart's command. Late in the war he commanded the Fourth squadron of sharpshooters, composed of Companies G and H, of the Ninth Cavalry.

General Bolling was frequently detailed during the war as assistant adjutant-general and assistant inspector-general of General W. H. F. Lee's staff. He was wounded six times during the war, and was at Appomattox Courthouse at the surrender. He refused to surrender and got through the enemy's lines with his command and tried to join General Johnson, but Johnson surrendered before he reached him. He then surrendered his command to General Wilcox at Hobsons, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

After the war General Bolling returned to Lunenburg County and engaged in farming. In 1869 he was elected to the Legislature as a Conservative, and served two terms. He then was appointed State inspector of tobacco in Petersburg, and had resided here until the time of his death.

General Bolling had served twenty-four years as postmaster of Petersburg, under six different administrations. He served eight years as president of the Petersburg Tobacco Association and several years as vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of this city. General Bolling took great interest in all that per-

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Edge and little daughter, of East Doughton, Pa., are the guests of Mrs. Edge's mother, Mrs. John Hinton Foster, at her home in Cameron street.

Mrs. Amy C. Weech who spent the past week in Baltimore is now in Salisbury, Maryland, for several days before returning to Baltimore, where she will be the guest of the Rev. Robert Weech until November 10, when she will return to this city en route to Danville, Virginia. From thence she will go to Indianapolis, Indiana, to attend the National Convention of the W. C. T. U. to be held in that city, November 17-23.

Tonight, tomorrow afternoon and night the Alexandria High School operetta Powhatan will be presented in the Opera House under the direction of Mr. William A. Baker. The cast of characters follows: Powhatan, Professor Stanley G. Blanton; Pocahontas, Miss Kathryn Henderson; Laughing Star, Miss Marion Greenaway; Winona, Miss Anna Haslett; Minnehaha, Miss Janie Saunders; Junata, Miss Louise Schwarzmann; Fire Fly, Miss Ruth Lechew; Light Foot, Miss Louise Abbott; Red Feather, Miss Grace Wells; White Fawn, Miss Gladys Rodgers; Swift One, Miss Lorine Rishell; Captain John Smith, Professor C. E. Bandy; Captain Rolfe, Professor H. C. Nolley; Medicine Man, Mr. William Meeks; Pathfinder, Mr. Lewis Fones; Tim O'Flannigan, Mr. Leslie Devers; Larry O'Gaff, Mr. Fred Schwab. Miss Anna Haslett is the pianist and a chorus of 75 Indian maidens, warriors and soldiers will add to the picturesque of the scene. It is hoped that Alexandrians will encourage these young Thespians by a large audience, for it is very depressing to "play to empty houses," and after weeks of untiring effort to present a good performance they should have the support of the townspeople.

STEAMER RECAPTURED.

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"The prize crew attempted to blow up the ship, and they, with the crew, took to the boats. The prize crew, consisting of one officer and nine men, were overtaken and made prisoners, and the ship was taken in tow by one of our vessels."

"Five German destroyers which arrived on the scene, presumably to escort the prize into port, were engaged and put to flight. The Oldambt was then towed for five hours, until within six miles of the Hook of Holland, where she was taken in charge by a Dutch tug."

Amsterdam, Nov. 3.—According to the Handelsblad, the Oldambt reached the Hook of Holland, but capsized, the cargo being lost.

THRILLING VOYAGE.

German Submarine Encounters Rough Weather on Return Trip.

Berlin, Nov. 3.—Capt. Hans Rose, of the German submarine U-53, whose safe return to a German port after its visit to Newport and operations off the American coast, was announced Wednesday, reports that he had an exceedingly stormy return passage.

The seas were so high that the crew of the submarine were at no time able to get air on the deck or to take the air except in little groups on the coning tower.

Even this was impossible during one period off the Newfoundland Banks, and again to the north of England, when the submarine submerged entirely to escape the unbearable buffeting by the tempest.

The officers and crew nevertheless returned in splendid condition, their health having been unaffected by the voyage which, including the brief stay on the American side, lasted exactly 41 1-2 days, of which 17 were consumed by the westward voyage.

Mr. John B. Barrett has returned from Newport, Rhode Island, where he spent the past week.

Professor Forest Cole, Mrs. Cole and Miss Laura Hoagland have been the guests for several days this week of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman B. Fowler, in south Washington street, and left today for Rochester, Pa.

Frank Westerlaken, formerly of this city and who has been assistant brewmaster in Jacob Ruppert's brewery in New York city for three years, has accepted the position of general superintendent in the German-American brewery at Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. James Dean, Miss Annie Dean, Miss Margaret Dean, Miss Mary Davis, Miss Esther Davis, Miss Anna Davis and Master Dean Davis have returned to their home in Rosemont avenue after living in Washington for the past three years.

Rev. J. W. Duffey, will deliver an address in the Young People's Building, this evening, at 8 o'clock, before the Men's Club, of the M. E. Church South. Subject: "Reminiscences of the Civil War." All men are cordially invited to be present. Admission free.

A representative audience, composed mostly of farmers, assembled at Potter's Hill school house, Fairfax county, last night for the purpose of hearing campaign speeches from democratic orators. The meeting was enthusiastic from the beginning to the end. Edward Allen presided. Walter C. Foster of Alexandria, was the first speaker. He was followed by Messrs C. Keith Carlin and J. Fred Birrell, also of Alexandria, and W. T. Oliver, of Fairfax. A. J. Wedderburn had been listed as one of the speakers, but he failed to appear.

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NIGHT SCHOOL ASSURED WOMAN WIELDED KNIFE

City School Board Last Night Authorized Parent-Teachers' Association to Wire Room.

The regular monthly meeting of the City School Board was held last night, at which a communication was received from the Parents-Teachers' Association of this city asking the use of rooms in the Lee School building for night school purposes. The teachers will be furnished by the organization and the School Board will bear but a small proportion of the cost of sustaining the school which will be conducted three nights in each week, the sessions lasting two hours. It is proposed to start the school next Monday night.

The association in its communication submitted the names of over sixty young people who signify their desire to take advantage of a night school, they being employed in glass factories, the silk mill, machine shops, etc. It was stated that the proprietors of these enterprises are heartily in favor of the movement, and announce their wish to accelerate the plan in a substantial manner.

After the plans and purposes of the Parents-Teachers' Association had been explained, the board ordered that one of the school rooms be wired for the purpose of a night school. One is already furnished with electric lights. Two rooms will be required for the purpose of the association.

Communications asking for increases in salaries were submitted by Miss Angela M. Nevett, acting Principal of Washington school, S. G. Blanton, acting principal of the High School; Miss Nellie Payne, also one of the teachers, and Augustus Robey, janitor of Lee School building.

Miss Nevett was voted an addition of \$10 to her salary to be operative during the absence of Captain Conrad Johnson, principal of the High School. No action, however, was taken on the other applications.

Permission had been asked by the Scottish Rite Masons of this city and the Order of Fraternal Americans for placing American flags upon the school buildings. Some discussion arose as to the utility of placing them upon the tops of the structures, as it was difficult often to get at them. It was generally agreed that it would be better to place the flags upon poles in front of the buildings. It was determined to allow representatives of the orders to appear before the board at the next regular meeting.

Some miscellaneous business was transacted during the meeting.

DOUBLE SUICIDE THEORY.

Frederick, Md., Nov. 3.—Although the coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that Mrs. Daisy Marshall was shot and killed at her home near Legare, Md., Wednesday afternoon by her nephew, Charles Michael, who in turn committed suicide, Frederick county officers, who assisted at the inquest, declare that the crime was committed by a third party. These officers say that the manner in which the bullets entered the bodies of the victims indicates that the person firing them had stood in the doorway of the house in which the tragedy occurred.

Mrs. Marshall was in sitting position on a couch and her nephew lay face downward on the floor, a few feet away, when found. The revolver was found on the floor about 10 feet from the two bodies.

Late yesterday afternoon a magistrate called upon Judge Glenn H. Worthington relative to the crime. Judge Worthington said that if there was doubt as to the manner in which the persons were killed there should be an investigation.

Officers say four shots were fired, and believe the first entered the chest of the woman, that the second went wild, penetrating the ceiling, and the third entered the mouth of Michael, passing through the palate. The fourth shot entered the skull of Mrs. Marshall just behind the right ear. The officers also say there were bruises on the face of Michael which could not have been caused by the fall to the floor.

Negroes, Celebrating Last Saturday of Wet Conditions in Alexandria, Cause Excitement.

Early last Saturday night Mamie Saunders, colored, entered a saloon in the southern section of the city and purchased two bottles of beer. While so engaged, according to her statement, Bettie McFearson, a colored resident of the neighborhood, stepped upon her foot. The Saunders woman objected to the procedure, when the woman guilty of the ungallant act requested her to perform the impossible feat of putting her foot into her pocket. The two women quarreled and finally emerged into the street, where a negro named Ed Smith, generally known as "Alabama," espoused the cause of the assailant, and threatened Mamie Saunders with bodily injury, applying to her at the time an unconventional epithet. Bettie McFearson's war paint became more visible at this juncture, and she attacked the Saunders woman with a knife.

While the "mix-up" was in progress John Bailey, colored, appeared on the scene as a peacemaker, when Bettie McFearson used her knife upon him, splitting his coat sleeve. She also slashed Mamie Saunders, injuring her to such an extent that she was compelled to seek treatment at the Alexandria Hospital.

Bailey alleged that the assailant's ally, "Alabama," gathered bricks and made him a target.

The McFearson woman and "Alabama" brought charges against Mamie Saunders and John Bailey, alleging that they were in reality their assailants. It was alleged that empty beer bottles were used as missiles by the parties during the fracas.

The parties were brought before the Police Court this morning by officer Reed. Bettie McFearson and "Alabama" were fined \$20 each. They failed to meet the assessments and will serve the next forty days in jail.

RECTORS DISCUSS RITUAL

What the Episcopal convention at St. Louis did, as described by the Rev. Dr. Randolph McKim, of the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, and what it failed to do, told by the Rev. Dr. C. Ernest Smith, formed the principal subjects of discussion at the regular meeting of the Washington Clericus, at the Hotel Gordon Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. McKim devoted a large part of his report to the action taken by the convention on the revision of the prayer book. He expressed the opinion that the proposed revision which he said took in the entire book, went further than the original clause authorizing the revision provided for. Dr. McKim explains that this clause said that the revision was "to enrich and replenish the book in accordance with modern requirements," and that the proposed revision reformed the book, so that it would be almost necessary for ministers "to start over."

That the convention failed to rescind the clause provided for reformation of innocent divorced parties, was cited by Dr. C. Ernest Smith. He said he believed that this clause should be rescinded, because, although it worked suffering of some, "it is for the good of the others."

He also deplored the neglect of the convention to make Bishop Tuttle an archbishop, instead of retaining the presiding bishop.

Dr. Smith proposed that an effort be made to bring the tremendous parent depicting the history of the church which was staged at the convention, to Washington. He said it would be a great benefit if it could be staged there.

BRITISH CAPTURE TRENCH.

London, Nov. 3.—British troops captured a German trench east of Guedecourt in a resumption of the fighting on the Somme front yesterday. General Haig reported today. The position was secured last night. Berlin, Nov. 3.—The German lost ground in the village of Sailly, on the Somme front yesterday, but repulsed hostile attacks elsewhere. In the western theater of war, it was officially announced today.